

# Introduction To The Table Bay Wine List

There is no mystery about wine, but there is a great deal of magic. Learn what you like, and you'll be sure to enjoy an evening of gastronomic excellence. Skillfully chosen, wine turns an ordinary meal into a banquet. With this wine list, we have attempted to give you an interesting selection.

Today the "matching" of wine and food still follows the tradition of white wines with poultry and fish and red wine with red meat.

However, as tastes and methods change, many people are starting to experiment with new matches of their own and are developing new tastes. To give you the opportunity to experiment with different wines, we at The Table Bay serve the majority of our wines by the glass for your convenience.

If in doubt please consult the Sommelier and with that we wish you a glorious experience.



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# Auction Wines

A premier event on Cape Town's wine calendar, this esteemed two day event serves to showcase the spectrum of stringently selected award-winning wines and rare Cape finds created by the country's most talented winemakers. The participants represent all walks of the South African wine world, including negociantes, boutique wineries, family farms, wine estates and conglomerates.

## Some interesting facts about the Auction

**1975** : The overall average price of R19,12 per case was realised. Edelkeur fetched a modest price - and was sold by a Sea Point retailer for hardly more than the price of Lieberstein, SFW's popular vin ordinaire which became the biggest brand in the world in the 1960s. Only 15 wines from five participants went on auction - and auction sales totalled R237 000.

**1992** : Export buyers led the field, with Far Live Trading from Taiwan buying 16,05 percent of total sales, followed by Aroma Liquors with 6,44 percent and WP Cellars with 6,2 percent. Checkers came fifth with 4,32 percent and SPAR ninth with 2,61 percent.

**1995** : Nederburg placed the first MCC Sparkling Wine on the auction: The 1990 Nederburg Cap Classique Private Bin C92 Cap Classique de Chardonnay. Total auction sales were R2 908 530, with 107 wines from 39 participants and an average price of R379,32. For the second year running the top buyer was Amka Vinimport of Denmark with 11,2 percent of total sales, followed by Wu Chiu Lin Trafficker with 10,9 percent and WP Cellars with 5,5 percent, Makro came fifth with 3,4 percent, SPAR sixth with 3,3 percent and Shoprite/Checkers 10th with 2,4 percent.

- 1997** : For the first time in the history of the auction a single buyer bought wine worth more than R1 million: Mr Adams Wu, president of Wu Chiu Lin International Trading Company, Taiwan whose purchases of R1 003 420 accounted for 22,8 percent of total sales - and comprised a variety of rare Cape wines destined to be distributed as corporate gifts. Overseas buyers accounted for 40 percent of total sales.
- 1999** : The Nederburg Auction celebrated it's silver anniversary with record sales totalling R5 545 370 and 124 wines from 58 participants with an average price of R800,87. Shoprite/Checkers were the top buyers buying R527 400 worth of wine, representing 9,51 percent of total sales, followed by Makro with 8 percent, and SPAR with 7,7 percent.
- 2005** : All-time record sale of R7,49 million for 4 955 cases of wines with prices increasing by a whopping 90 percent. The first South African, George Naidoo from Midmar Liquors accounted for 33% of total sales and spent R2,48 million. The theme was biodiversity – in recognition of the fact that the Cape's biodiversity offers South African winemakers in global markets such a unique and important competitive advantage. Veteran Auctioneer Patrick Grubb announced his retirement as auctioneer for 31 consecutive years.
- 2010** Since Sweden imports more South African wines than any other country, it was only fair to have the Vice President and Director of Purchases and Chain Supply Management Marie Nygren, present at this year's Auction. She felt that she also wanted to have an input as to what the Swedish Monopoly would focus on. Here words were as follows "I really look forward to participating and offering a viewpoint on the wine industry from the perspective of a European monopoly"

**The Following Wines Were Bought At The  
Nederburg Wine Auction**

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass(180ml)</b>
<b>Bellingham The Maverick 2006</b>	R 325	
<b>La Motte Pierneef Shiraz/Viognier 2004</b>	R 895	
<b>Groot Constantia Shiraz 2001</b>	R 1495	
<b>Seven Oaks Cabernet/Shiraz 2004</b>	R 995	
<b>Oak Valley Blend 2004</b>	R 995	
<b>Nederburg Cab/Merlot 2000</b>	R 450	R115
<b>Nederburg Petit Verdot 2001</b>	R 395	
<b>Bellevue Morkel Petit Verdot 2003</b>	R 425	
<b>Kleine Zalze Family Reserve Cab 2005</b>	R 1095	
<b>Plaisir de Merle Cabernet Savignon 2002</b>	R 895	
<b>Tukulu Pinotage 1999</b>	R 495	
<b>Jacobsdal Pinotage 2003</b>	R 625	
<b>Nederburg Cab Sav 1975</b>	R 2195	
<b>Zonnebloem Cab Sav 1966</b>	R 2995	
<b>Zonnebloem Pinotage 1974</b>	R 1295	
<b>KWV Muscadel 1930</b>	R 13500	

# Champagne

	Bottle	Glass 150ml
<b>Taittinger Brut N/V</b>	R 495	R 99
<b>Region:</b> Reims		
<b>The Wine:</b> This Champagne is a blend of some 30 Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vineyards, respectively 40% and 60% of the total, from several harvests of perfectly ripened grapes		
<b>Taittinger Brut Rosé N/V</b>	R 625	R 125
<b>Region:</b> Reims		
<b>The Wine:</b> Shimmering pink in colour, the bubbles are fine and the mousse persistent. The intense nose is both fresh and young, with aromas of fresh raspberries and blackcurrants. The palate is balanced and youthful.		
<b>Taittinger Brut Reserve 2004</b>	R 1295	
<b>Region:</b> Reims		
<b>The Wine:</b> Golden straw colour with brilliant highlights. Exceptionally fine bubbles present an elegant mousse. This wine is balanced, lively palate with overtones of mandarin & bergamot candies.		
<b>Veuve Cliquot Ponsardin N/V</b>	R 1295	R 325
<b>Region:</b> Reims		
<b>The Wine:</b> Champagne of distinction, crisp, dry and refined.		
<b>Moët &amp; Chandon Brut Imperial N/V</b>	R 1095	R 275
<b>Region:</b> Epernay		
<b>The Wine:</b> Sophisticated Champagne with enticing aromas.		
<b>Moët &amp; Chandon Rosé N/V</b>	R 1295	R 325
<b>Region:</b> Epernay		
<b>The Wine:</b> This seductive salmon-coloured Champagne is an assemblage of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier lively, expressive, full-bodied & fruity.		
<b>Moët &amp; Chandon Nectar Imperial N/V</b>	R 1195	
<b>Region:</b> Epernay		
<b>The Wine:</b> Semi-sweet champagne, Nectar Imperial is champagne to please the senses. The assemblage is built around the structure of Pinot Noir: supple and smooth. Nectar Imperial is both a refined and sophisticated wine whose richness turns into sensuality.		

**Bottle      Glass 150ml**

**Billecart-Salmon Brut N/V**

R 1295

**Region:** Champagne

**The Wine:** The aromas are characterized by pear and blackberry with hints of cut hay. Light and refined with a touch of citrus on the finish.

**Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé N/V**

R 1995

**Region:** Champagne

**The Wine:** Pale, orange-tinged pink with vibrant, spicy aromas of orange peel, ruby-red grapefruit and floral honey with a velvety texture. The wine finishes with juicy citrus flavours.

**Bollinger Brut N/V**

R 1650

**Region:** Marne

**The Wine:** full-bodied, powerful and rich, dominated by Pinot Noir. This is a complex wine more suitable with food.

**Pommery Brut N/V**

R 950

**Region:** Reims

**The Wine:** vanilla, toast, honey and citrus flavors mark this medium-bodied Champagne. This is an elegant wine with subtle lemon and quince and an undercurrent of dusty minerals.

**Pommery Brut Rosé N/V**

R 1250

**Region:** Reims

**The Wine:** dominant in Chardonnay with a handful of Pinot Noir, this wine is aged for an average of 3 years. This wine is salmon pink in colour with a fruity perfect balanced freshness. The wine is perfect for that romantic evening.

**Pommery POP 2002**

R 795

**Region:** Reims

**The Wine:** This champagne, in its attractive gold coloured mini bottle, is light, tender and lively with natural elegance. This wine is a real showoff as an aperitif or with food.

**Dom Perignon 2000**

R 3995

**Region:** Epernay

**The Wine:** This wine is full of life, with a fresh nose that dances through a spiral of aromas, blending dried flowers, pineapple, coconut and cinnamon. The wine has fullness in the mouth, earthy, smoky and peppery spice. Finishing with more pronounced notes of spice, toasted, iodine flavours. This wine is an expression of its full personality.

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 150ml</b>
<b>Louis Roederer Cristal 2002</b>	R 2495	R625
<b>Region:</b> Epernay		
<b>The Wine:</b> A beautiful mousse with fine cordon of persistent and regular bubbles. Accompanied by a savoury explosion of ripe fruit, revealing red fruit, white chocolate and Danish pastry, typical of Cristal, "World Class"		
<b>Armand de Brignac Brut</b>	R 5950	
<b>Region:</b> Le Marne		
<b>The Wine:</b> Bouquet is complex and full bodied, fresh and lively with light floral notes. On the palate it has a racy fruit character perfectly integrated with subtle brioche accents.		
<b>Armand de Brignac Blanc de Blanc</b>	R 6950	
<b>Region:</b> Le Marne		
<b>The Wine:</b> Remarkably delicate and pure structure, with a bright, clear onset and lingering finish. Overtly dry and crisp with hints of vanilla and dried apricots.		
<b>Armand de Brignac Rosé</b>	R 6950	
<b>Region:</b> Le Marne		
<b>The Wine:</b> Bouquet is rich and pure with red fruits upfront and delicately smoky grilled notes behind. Fresh and full bodied on the palate with aromas of fresh strawberries and blackcurrants. This wine has a long, silky finish.		
<b>Proyecto Cu4tro, Cava, N/V</b>	R 325	
<b>Region:</b> Penedes (Spain)		
<b>The Wine:</b> A pale, clear cava with a slight greenish tint, fine bubbles with a fine consistent mousse. Subtle and gentle aromas along with hints of toastiness on the nose. The palate is lively and balanced.		

# Méthode Cap Classique

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 150ml</b>
<b>Graham Beck Brut N/V</b>	R 260	R 65
<b>Region:</b> Roberston		
<b>The Wine:</b> Rich yeasty aroma with hints of clean lime fruit on the nose. An exciting fine mousse and a creamy complexity on the palate		
<b>Graham Beck Brut Rosé N/V</b>	R 260	R 65
<b>Region:</b> Roberston		
<b>The Wine:</b> Aromas of raspberries, cherries and a few secondary wiffs of minerality. It is lively mousse but fine in the mouth, with subtle red berry flavours enlivened by bright acids.		
<b>Graham Beck Brut Blanc de Blanc 2006</b>	R 590	R 150
<b>Region:</b> Robertson		
<b>The Wine:</b> The Cape's most celebrated MCC from 100% chardonnay, ripe-apple, brioche, spice bouquet & creamy, bone-dry richness.		
<b>Suikerbossie Brut NV</b>	R 210	
<b>Region:</b> Western Cape		
<b>The Wine:</b> A sexy wine that combines the citrus flavours of Chardonnay with the warm inviting flavours of Pinotage. The wine shows fresh tropical fruit aromas along a creamy backdrop. The palate is full with lively acidity and a creamy mousse.		
<b>Pongracz Desiderius Vintage 2003</b>	R 595	
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> A complex wine with scents of precious, delicate spices. It has a fleshy, smooth and well-balanced, a matured wine from an exceptional year.		
<b>Villiera Monro Brut 2006</b>	R 395	
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Rich, creamy, yeasty nose, with a full, ripe toasty flavour on the palate. This is a complex with a developing finesse.		

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 150ml</b>
<b>Krone Brut Rosé</b>	R 350	R 90
<b>Region:</b> Tulbach		
<b>The Wine:</b> Bright summer berries are brought forward on the nose followed by toffee apple. Fine mouth are lifted by noticeable acids.		
<b>Colmant Brut NV</b>	R 370	
<b>Region:</b> Franschoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> A complex and very aromatic nose followed by fresh and generous fruity palate. The palate also presents flavours of slightly toasted bread and butter character. Refreshingly dry finish		
<b>La Motte Brut 2008</b>	R 730	
<b>Region:</b> Franschoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> The nose erupts with aromas of golden delicious apples lifted by a bready – yeasty profile. The palate is rich, just a welcoming as the nose that ends with a balanced creaminess.		

# White Wines

## Chardonnay

- Hamilton Russell Vineyard Chardonnay 2009** R 680 R 170  
**Region:** Hemel-en-Aarde Valley  
**The Wine:** Elegant structure with hints of lemon, peach and nutty fruit on the nose. The wine has a long interestingly elegant aftertaste.
- Meerlust Chardonnay 2008** R 420 R 105  
**Region:** Stellenbosch  
**The Wine:** Vibrantly bright platinum gold appearance with pronounced green hue. The expressive nose is complex with lime and lemongrass and a creamy, yellow apple bouquet. On the palate the wine is full bodied.
- Thelema Chardonnay 2006** R280 R 70  
**Region:** Stellenbosch  
**The Wine:** Crackerjack minerally flavours with a hint of citrus on the palate and with superb mouth-feel, it needs a few minutes to open up and show off all its charms. This is a classic wine.
- Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat Chardonnay 2009** R 305  
**Region:** Villiersdorp  
**The Wine:** Cool Villiersdorp vines, vanilla butter nose cut by ripe citrus fruit, 8 months in cask, 30% new. Harmonious 13.5% alc. adds palate weight & roundness.
- Glen Carlou Chardonnay 2008** R 235  
**Region:** Paarl  
**The Wine:** Benchmark Cellar for this accomplished variety. Partial fermentation with natural yeasts gives rise to richness and bright lemony Fruit character
- Mulderbosch Chardonnay 2008** R 225  
**Region:** Stellenbosch  
**The Wine:** The wine has prominent aromas and flavours on the nose and palate from pear, citrus, almond, to green apple, litchi and melon.
- De Wetshof Finesse Chardonnay 2009** R 200 R50  
**Region:** Robertson  
**The Wine:** A limey Burgundian example, showing some buttered apple aromas from gentle oak treatment. Creamy fruit salad flavours and a soft finish.

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Cape Point Chardonnay 2008</b>	R 330	R 82.50
<b>Region:</b> Noordhoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine shows complex flavours of citrus, apricot and oatmeal and honey together with strong minerality. All these flavours follow through onto the palate with crisp acidity and great length.		
<b>Ataraxia Chardonnay 2008</b>	R 450	R 112.50
<b>Region:</b> Walker Bay		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine has a core of fiercely expressive grapefruit, grilled almond, pear and white flowers aromas and flavours. The palate is complimented by minerality and racy acidity that adds to the great length.		
<b>Glenwood Chardonnay 2008</b>	R 450	
<b>Region:</b> Franshoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> "Outstanding oak and fruit integration is once again shown in this wine. A full, rich, creamy mouth feels of almonds and vanilla with a lingering aftertaste of smoky peach and citrus."		
<b>Waterford Chardonnay 2009</b>	R 270	R 67.50
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> This wine shows bright aromas of citrus fruits supported by delicate oak flavours. The palate is full with a crisp acidity. The wine has a soft smooth finish.		
<b>Marklew Chardonnay 2009</b>	R 240	R 60
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> A wonderfully rich and indulgent wine with hints of citrus and butterscotch. The palate is soft with citrus fruit flavours gently lifted by subtle oak toastiness.		
<b>Constantia Uitsig Chardonnay 2008</b>	R 220	R 55
<b>Region:</b> Constantia		
<b>The Wine:</b> Pure, untrammled varietal aromas & flavours, broad mouth-filling power focused by cool acidity with a lingering after-taste.		
<b>Elgin Ridge 282 Chardonnay 2010</b>	R 300	
<b>Region:</b> Elgin		
<b>The Wine:</b> Un wooded – the nose suggest white fruits like pears, peaches and apple. These follow a medium yet mid palate, that finishes clean and fresh.		

**Bottle      Glass 180ml**

**Radford Dale Chardonnay 2008**

R 345

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** The wine has delicate aromas of lemon / lime surrounded by gentle licks of creamy oak. The palate is full and rich with creamy oak leading to a mineral finish rather than buttery. All these remain on the long dry finish.

**Haut Espoir Chardonnay 2008**

R 165

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** Wooded wine with a lime green tinge with pear and citrus on the nose with developing cinnamon and capsicum spiciness. This is a complex and well balanced wine.

**Vins D' Orrance Chardonnay 2009**

R 340

**Region:** Simonsberg

**The Wine:** The wine has a nose close to cold cream and buttered popcorn. Vibrant acidity bring forward flavours of white flowers, melon and lemon peel that lingers on the palate with a mineral touch.

**Cape Mentelle Chardonnay 1999**

R 720

**Region:** Margaret River, Australia

**The Wine:** Elegant wine displaying aromas of ripe melons and rich apricot tart. It has intense fruit flavours on the palate with savory notes. This is a wine with a structured acidity and a long finish.

**Domaine Drouhin Chardonnay 1998**

R 560

**Region:** Oregon, USA

**The Wine:** Fragrant floral nose, hazelnut and a touch of wood on the pallet. This is a well-balanced wine with a long subtle finish.

**William Fevre Chablis 2007**

R 570

**Region:** Chablis, France

**The Wine:** Slightly smoky nose with green apple and granite. On the palate the wine has a nice rounded texture with a peach-tinged finish.

## Sauvignon Blanc

	Bottle	Glass 180ml
<b>Boschendal Cecil John Reserve 2007</b>	R 540	R 135
<b>Region:</b> Franschhoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> Made from the finest cool-climate grapes, the wine displays aromas of green fig and capsicum with underlying notes of citrus and passion fruit. The fruit flavours follow through on the palate and are complimented with subtle mineral tones and a firm, but balanced acid.		
<b>Vergelegen Sauvignon Blanc Reserve 2010</b>	R 290	R 72.50
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Richer yet almost austere, deeper element of intense, ripe fruit, hints of cut grass, a core of minerally & fruity flavours.		
<b>Graham Beck Pheasants Run 2010</b>	R 360	R 90
<b>Region:</b> Durbanville		
<b>The Wine:</b> A true expression of this vineyard, showing great character of ripe gooseberry, green pepper and tropical litchi, followed by a wonderful fruity finish on the palate. This wine has great complex fruit, with a crisp ending.		
<b>Klein Constantia Sauvignon Blanc 2010</b>	R 290	R 72.50
<b>Region:</b> Constantia		
<b>The Wine:</b> Rich straw in colour with a green-tinged edge. Aromas of green figs, white peach and tropical fruit precede rich pineapple and grapefruit flavours and a long minerally finish.		
<b>Steenberg Sauvignon Blanc 2010</b>	R 240	
<b>Region:</b> Constantia		
<b>The Wine:</b> From the Old World comes the typical grassiness and gooseberry overtone and from the New World, a gentle scent of tropical fruit. This Sauvignon Blanc reflects the fresh, flinty and full-bodied characteristics.		
<b>Iona Sauvignon Blanc 2010</b>	R 275	R 68.75
<b>Region:</b> Elgin		
<b>The Wine:</b> The nose is lifted with notes of lemon, grapefruit and high floral notes of honeysuckle with distinctive herbaceous undertones. The palate is clean with freshly cut green apples and lime marmalade followed by great mineral length		
<b>Jordan Outlair Sauvignon Blanc 2009</b>	R 235	
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Ripe fig, gooseberries and tropical fruit flavours are welcomed on the nose. These are met on the palate by gentle nuances of oak.		

**Bottle      Glass 180ml**

**Springfield Estate: Life from Stone Sauvignon Blanc 2010      R 250**

**Region:** Robertson

**The Wine:** The wine has a brilliant greenish hue. The wine offers notes of ripe passion fruit and red peppers on the nose. These flavours intensify on the palate and become flintier towards the end.

**Brunia Sauvignon Blanc 2010      R 210**

**Region:** Walker Bay

**The Wine:** The nose offers attractive aromas of gooseberries and blueberries, followed by gentle touches of herbs and lime. These are well received on the palate along zesty acidity and a mineral finish. This is something different.

**Cape Point Sauvignon Blanc 2009      R 330      R 82.50**

**Region:** Noorhoek

**The Wine:** The wine showcase a complex array of tropical fruit, grape fruit and fresh limes all supported by a focused mineral backbone. The palate is rich and full, making it a perfect companion to food.

**La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2010      R 160      R40**

**Region:** Franschhoek

**The Wine:** Elegant, dry & flinty, showing off the terroir of this venerable Huguenot farm: a mineraly, yet flavoursome example of this variety

**Louis Sauvignon Blanc 2010      R 240      R60**

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** Lots of tropical fruit, litchi, passion fruit and guava flavours mix with fresh garden herbs on the nose, and follow through on the palate. The palate is broad for a Sauvignon Blanc, and has great fullness, with softness and length on the aftertaste.

**Groote Post Sauvignon Blanc 2010      R 165**

**Region:** Darling

**The Wine:** Loads of green pepper and grassy notes on the nose. The palate is light and fresh with a mineral backbone.

**Tokara Sauvignon Blanc 2009      R 215**

**Region:** Walker Bay

**The Wine:** pale straw colour with hints of green. With aromas of cut grass, green figs and lemon grass with lingering hints on sea air on the nose that follows through on the palate and finishes off slight salty.

**Bottle      Glass 180ml**

**Elephant Hill Sauvignon Blanc 2010**

R 420

**Region:** New Zealand

**The Wine:** The wine shows aromas of figs, kiwi's and a touch of grass on the nose. The palate is clean and light, with fresh acidity. The finish is long that changes from fruit to a distinct mineral edge.

## Chenin Blanc

**Robusto Chenin Blanc 2008**

R 240

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** From the Cape's most prolific grape Variety, Chenin Blanc ('Steen'), now enjoying cult status, this gently-wooded example offers gorgeous flavours, silky yellow peach & citrus peel, pinenut savouriness.

**Spice Route Chenin Blanc 2008**

R 190

**Region:** Malmesbury

**The Wine:** Fruit from old Swartland bush-vines makes this full-bodied, flavoursome example, showing off apricot and tangerine flavours

**Raats Original Chenin Blanc 2009**

R 190

R 47.50

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** The nose is fresh and inviting with notes of grass florals and sweet pea, alongside gentle notes of nectarine and melon. The palate is loaded with citrus flavours with hints of banana. This is a versatile wine for food pairing.

**Raats Chenin Blanc 2008**

R 330

R 82.50

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** Honeyed pear, butterscotch and citrus flavours complimented by firm minerality and spisey edge. All these wonderfully follow through onto a rich, intensive yet elegant palate. This is a profound wine that changes prospective.

**Beamont Hope Marguerite Chenin Blanc 2009**

R 330

R 82.50

**Region:** Botrivier

**The Wine:** A delicious, opulent and well balanced barrel fermented Chenin Blanc. Fresh fruit and floral aromas combined with cinnamon spice obtained from delicate use of oak. On the palate it shows hints of ripe green apple, dried apricot and almond. This wine has a perfect integration of oak with limey freshness and a great sweet and sour finish.

**Bottle      Glass 180ml**

**Vinum Chenin Blanc 2009**

R 170

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** White flowers together with citrus crispness are well integrated with gentle nuances of cinnamon. The palate erupts into layers of fresh lime and spice lifted by intense fruit flavours. This wine has a fresh dry finish.

**Riesling**

**Thelema Sutherland Riesling 2008**

R 190

R 47.50

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** Off-dry Riesling in the Alsatian style, unusual for South Africa, well worth exploring.

**De Wetshof Rhine Riesling 2008**

R 130

**Region:** Robertson

**The Wine:** Well regarded example features hint of sugar while signature lively acidity gives it a dry finish, a typically spicy, deep fruit flavour.

**Paul Cluver Riesling 2009**

R 240

R 60

**Region:** Elgin

**The Wine:** A vibrant wine with the classic Riesling flavours of spice and florals. Especially lime and white blossoms. The palate is lean, elegant and refined with a lingering aftertaste due to the good acidity of the wine. This wine can be enjoyed on release with slightly spicy food or cellared for a further 5-7 years.

**Howard Booysen Riesling 2010**

R475

R120

**Region:** Swartberg

**The Wine:** A wine laced with spice, coriander and lingering nectarine flavours. The pallet is full and rich with a distinct mineral backbone and marked acidity.

## Viognier

	Bottle	Glass 180ml
<b>Graham Beck Viognier 2009</b>	R 220	
<b>Region:</b> Roberston		
<b>The Wine:</b> Soft golden green colour with a fragrant nose of ripe golden apples and spicy citrus flavours. This is a full bodied white wine structure on the palate, but an elegant and stylish finish.		
<b>Tamboerskloof Viognier 2010</b>	R 220	R 55
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> A light straw coloured Viognier with Apricot, white peach and jasmine flavours on the nose which mingle nicely with a full yet lively palate. Great minerality and spice round off this delicate wine's expression of its terroir		
<b>Elgin Valley Viognier 2008</b>	R 260	R65
<b>Region:</b> Elgin		
<b>The Wine:</b> This superb wooded Viognier. It has sweet, vanilla fudge on the nose with a rich, full honey palate. Delicate white fruit plays around with soft oaky flavours on the palate.		

## Semillon

<b>Fleur du Cap Unfiltered Semillon 2009</b>	R 180	R 45
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Refined with charm & personality, good varietal lemon-lanolin character, satin texture, concentrated, dry. Well intergrated oak, balanced acidity.		
<b>Boekenhoutskloof Semillon 2007</b>	R 420	R 105
<b>Region:</b> Franchhoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> Classically crafted, showing hints of tropical fruits supported by oaky spice. The palate is full with supported acidity coming forward. This wine has a broad flavour profile.		
<b>Constantia Uitsig Semillon 2010</b>	R 210	R 52.50
<b>Region:</b> Constantia		
<b>The Wine:</b> Exceptional balance of fruit and oak with honey and citrus tones. This wine finishes off with a slight herbaceousness.		

## Gewurztraminer

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Delheim Gewurztraminer 2010</b>	R 180	
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Higher sugar content allows the fruit to burst through this wine. Soft rose scented spicy undertones.		
<b>Paul Cluver Gewurtztraminer 2010</b>	R 240	R 60
<b>Region:</b> Elgin		
<b>The Wine:</b> Already plenty of green apple, pear and stonefruit is shown on the nose with attractive oaking undertones. Floral, citrus and mineral hints just add to the liveliness of this wine. The structure and core acidity of these century old vines are very evident on the palate. The lanolin and other tertiary flavours will develop even more over time.		

## Blended White Wines

<b>Haute Cabrière Chardonnay/Pinot Noir 2010</b>	R 190	R 47.50
<b>Region:</b> Franschhoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> 50% Chardonnay, 50% Pinot Noir. Fragrant, elegant raspberry coulis scent, delicate fresh flavours.		
<b>Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc 2009</b>	R 150	R 37.50
<b>Region:</b> Constantia		
<b>The Wine:</b> Full-bodied, offering various fruits, including ripe gooseberry, fresh melon and hints of tropical fruit.		
<b>Bizoe Henrietta 2009</b>	R 380	R 95
<b>Region:</b> Western Cape		
<b>The Wine:</b> A blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. The wine shows an array of flavours including tropical fruit, limes and orange peels. The palate is bursting with citrus flavours complimented by nuances of delicate oak flavours, ending in a creamy finish.		
<b>Sequilo White 2009</b>	R 350	R 87.50
<b>Region:</b> Swartland		
<b>The Wine:</b> Notably deep gold in colour. Tangy nose with honeysuckle and tangerine skin flavours. Not heavy on the palate despite the alcohol, and full of interest already. Surprisingly open, very suave. This wine has a very neat, confident finish with marked acidity.		

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Hermanus Pieter Fontein Die Bartho 2009</b>	R 390	R 97.50
<b>Region:</b> Walkerbay		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine is characterized by tropical fruit, pear, yoghurt aromas and nuances of flint. The palate is medium bodied with generous fruit following through from the nose, accompanied with fresh acidity.		
<b>Nicolas van der Merwe 2007</b>	R 200	R 50
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> 50/50 blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. Ripe gooseberries mingle with subtle oak. The palate is full yet smooth with only the Semillon component fermented in wood.		
<b>Le Signal Cotes Catalanes 2005</b>	R 400	R 100
<b>Region:</b> Rousillon, France		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine is very fruity yet it has a mineral backbone that is complimented with a flinty aroma. The palate is powerful with a bit of oak showing through.		

### **Other Cultivars (White)**

<b>Signal Hill Grenache Blanc 2007</b>	R 220	R 55
<b>Region:</b> Piekenierskloof		
<b>The Wine:</b> On the nose it's intense, nutty and has plenty of butter. On the pallet the wine has a juicy mouth feel with almonds and honey notes.		
<b>Terra Del Capo Pinot Grigio 2009</b>	R 140	R 35
<b>Region:</b> Franschhoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> Both the nose and palate contain fresh crisp apple, nectarine and peachy fruit salad. There's a pineapple tang and creamy texture in the mouth. The balance between fruit and lively acidity is well maintained with a rich, tropical fruit aftertaste.		
<b>Pisano Rios de Los Pajaros, Torrontes 2009</b>	R 295	
<b>Region:</b> Progreso, Uruguay		
<b>The Wine:</b> A very fragrant and fruity wine, typical of this variety. The expression on the nose is honey combined with spices. The palate is full yet soft.		
<b>Tenuta San Pietro, Gavi D.O.C.G. Cortese 2009</b>	R 350	
<b>Region:</b> Piemonte, Italy		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine is fresh and well structured. The palate is complex with generous fruit, and complimented with soft acidity.		

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Torresella Pinot Grigio</b>	R 210	R52.50
<b>Region:</b> Veneto, Italy		
<b>The Wine:</b> A dry wine with a straw hue. The nose and palate mimic each other, with finesse and fine persistence being evident, with just a hint aromatic fruitiness.		

<b>Domaine des Anges Ventoux 2010</b>	R 275	
<b>Region:</b> Rhone, France		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine shows an array of aromas, including caramelized nuts and ripe pear. These are met on the palate with a gentle touch of spice.		

## Rosé & Blanc de Noir

<b>Southill Cabernet Rosé 2009</b>	R 130	R 32.50
<b>Region:</b> Elgin		
<b>The Wine:</b> This Rosé is refreshingly dry. The nose bursts with strawberry and tropical fruit aromas which follow through to a soft and juicy palate which finishes enticingly clean.		

<b>Waterford Rose Mary 2010</b>	R 170	R 42.50
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Simply blush. This wine is of the best to come in 2010 vintage of rose for South African wines.		

<b>Kanonkop Pinotage Rosé 2010</b>	R 150	R 37.50
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Red summer fruit welcomes the nose. Delicate berry aromas are followed through onto a dry, crispy palate.		

<b>Delaire Rosé 2010</b>	R 150	R 40
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Red summer fruit welcomes the nose. Delicate berry aromas are followed through onto a dry, crispy palate.		

<b>Torresella Pinot Grigio Rosé 2010</b>	R 210	R 52.50
<b>Region:</b> Veneto, Italy		
<b>The Wine:</b> Fresh delicate aromas on the nose followed by mellow fruit and well balanced acidity on the palate. The wine is a perfect accompaniment for fish and seafood.		

# Red Wines

## Cabernet Sauvignon

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Rustenberg Peter Barlow 2006</b>	R 800	R 200
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> This wine shows deep purple to inky coloured hues with impressive ripeness of fruit & richness on the palate entry. Blackcurrants, cherries, plums are made more complex by layers of liquorice, tobacco & cedar.		
<b>Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon 2006</b>	R 520	R 130
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> One of Thelema's best vintages so far, with bags of ripe blackcurrant and coffee flavours and a firm structure; meant for the long haul. This is a must for Cabernet lovers.		
<b>Vergelegen Cabernet Sauvignon 2005</b>	R 300	R 75
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Tall, dark and handsome, confidently modern but with a classic style. It has a youthful bouquet of cedar, blackcurrants, and powerful but smooth tannins.		
<b>Plaisir De Merle Cabernet Sauvignon 2005</b>	R 300	R 75
<b>Region:</b> Simondium		
<b>The Wine:</b> Radiant ruby red in colour with a pronounced plum and chocolate bouquet. The wine finishes off with a spicy palate.		
<b>Graham Beck Cabernet Sauvignon 2007</b>	R 260	
<b>Region:</b> Robertson		
<b>The Wine:</b> An elegant and restrained example of this noble Bordeaux grape, showing refined structure and bright cassis fruit, with firm tannins and dry finish		
<b>La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 2007</b>	R 260	R 65
<b>Region:</b> Franschhoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> A bouquet of ripe fruits and blackberry with hints of chocolate on the palate. A well constructed wine.		
<b>South Hill Cabernet Sauvignon 2008</b>	R 180	R 45
<b>Region:</b> Elgin		
<b>The Wine:</b> This is a soft, elegant wine and has typical Cabernet aromas of black cherries and cassis together with well integrated toastiness imparted from wood treatment. The palate is fruit driven with juicy dark chocolate, clean, red berry fruit and a hint of vanilla.		

**Bottle      Glass 180ml**

**Vergenoegd Cabernet Sauvignon 2004**

R 295

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** The wine has a deep plum colour. The nose is showing juicy red fruits. This is transported to a soft juicy palate supported by fine tannins. Long smooth finish.

**Springfield Whole Berry Cabernet Sauvignon 2009**

R 280

**Region:** Robertson

**The Wine:** The wine is whole bunch pressed and fermented on natural yeast. The result is a wine that shows generous whiffs of dark fruit wrapped around gentle nuances of oak spice. The palate is full yet juicy with ripe tannins. The wine has a smooth dry finish of ripe dark fruit.

**Buitenverwachting Cabernet Sauvignon 2006**

R 265

**Region:** Constantia

**The Wine:** Classic-styled with enough fruit, this wine has serious and good structure for long aging. Savoury fruit with spice and a hint of cassis on the palate. Toasty oak give this wine a good balance between power and finesse.

**Tokara Cabernet Sauvignon 2007**

R 190

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** The wine has intense aromas of dark cherries, blackcurrants and cedar spice. There are savoury notes of five spice and dark chocolate with a touch of black pepper. The flavours on the palate reflect the aromas of the wine: deep, dark and heady.

## **Merlot**

**Meerlust Merlot 2007**

R 520

R 130

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** Very intense plum-black colour with ruby rim. The nose is varietally expressive with rich plum, mulberry and creamy fruit with hints of anise and spices. The palate is rich and opulent, bursting with ripe Merlot fruit and supported by silky soft tannins. The wine has a long aftertaste finishing with a dense sweetness of fruit.

**De Trafford Merlot 2007**

R 350

R 87.50

**Region:** Stellenbosch-Helderberg

**The Wine:** Deep true red colour. It has bright red berry and cherry fruit with beguiling subtle earthiness, nuts and spices. Youthful focused fruit on the palate with plenty of fine tannins on the mid palate and a classic long, dry finish. This wine is ideal with rich and creamy pasta dishes and various meat dishes.

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Spier Private Collection Merlot 2009</b>	R 340	
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Dark purple in colour, this wine shows an elegant bouquet of plum and mulberry, layered with mint, chocolate and cigar box, following through to a creamy palate with a lingering aftertaste. This is as smooth as a Merlot gets.		
<b>Meinert Merlot 2008</b>	R 260	R 65
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch Devon Valley		
<b>The Wine:</b> A voluptuous wine from a ripe vintage. The wine has a dense purple red, black cherry, mineral and chocolate aromas on the nose. This is a full-bodied wine, excellent food wine and ideal with game birds.		
<b>Villiera Merlot 2009</b>	R 180	R 45
<b>Region:</b> Paarl		
<b>The Wine:</b> Aromas of cedar wood and vanilla with attractive berry fruit. On the palate the wine is rich and full with soft tannins and good acidity.		
<b>Ken Forrester Merlot 2009</b>	R 200	
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> From prime Stellenbosch fruit with a dash of Cabernet Franc for structure, this medium-bodied dry red has a pleasing soft, sweetness on the finish.		
<b>Marklew Merlot 2005</b>	R 240	R60
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Graceful feel and comfortable firm tannins with sweet red fruit intensity and chocolaty tones. The palate is soft with red fruit following through from the nose.		
<b>Glenwood Merlot 2008</b>	R 160	R40
<b>Region:</b> Franschhoek		
<b>The Wine:</b> An elegant, medium-bodied wine with rich, intense layers of chocolate, creamy mulberry and subtle tannins, with a hint of mint.		

## Pinot Noir

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Hamilton Russell Vineyard Pinot Noir 2009</b>	R 680	R 170
<b>Region:</b> Hemel-en-Aarde Valley		
<b>The Wine:</b> Characteristic tightness and elevated length balances a rich palate with dark, Spicy fruit complex.		
<b>Paradyskloof Pinot Noir 2009</b>	R 260	R 65
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> A medium-bodied wine. The wine has a lively aromas of red fruit dominates the nose, with strong hints of strawberries, raspberries and cherries. Light and fresh with a slight toastiness. The wine shows predominant red fruit with a good undertone of forest floor on the front palate. Well balanced and elegant with a lingering aftertaste of wild strawberries.		
<b>Vriesenhof Pinot Noir 2007</b>	R 520	
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine shows classic Pinot Noir perfumes and flavours. Bright red fruit, strawberry and raspberries on the nose with a hint of forest floor that carry through to the palate. The wine shows lingering earthy tones and mushroom aromas. This wine is balanced by well integrated tannins and a wonderful structure with a lingering aftertaste of dried apricot and plums.		
<b>Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak Pinot Noir 2008</b>	R 600	R 150
<b>Region:</b> Hemel-en-Aarde		
<b>The Wine:</b> This bottling is rich with luscious soft tannins and dark-coloured forest fruits, deftly balanced on a cord of lingering plum and raspberry delights. The wine is expected to age with appealing composure.		
<b>Catherine Marshall Pinot Noir 2010</b>	R 300	R 75
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Mouth filling red berry core and a fine, elegant and subtle fruit structure supported by well integrated mineral oak tannins.		

## Pinotage

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Kanonkop Pinotage 2009</b>	R 660	R 165
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Matured in mainly new 225 litre French Nevers barrels for up to 16 months. This is a full-bodied wine, has a deep ruby colour exuding the flavours of red and black berries, raspberry, plum and hints of banana.		
<b>Warwick Old Bush Pinotage 2009</b>	R 280	
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> A bright strawberry whiff with a distinctive Pinotage body. An early drinker which is enjoyable & uncomplex		
<b>Meinert Printer's Ink Pinotage 2007</b>	R 260	R 65
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch Devon Valley		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine has a deep inky colour, hence "Printers Ink". The wine show sweet fruit flavours on the nose. On the palate its full bodied with generous fruit and integrated tannins		
<b>Southern Right Pinotage 2009</b>	R 380	R 95
<b>Region:</b> Hemel-en-Aarde Valley		
<b>The Wine:</b> An elegant wine that shows dark fruit on the nose with soft oak spice. The palate is soft and lifted with dark fruit flavours complimented my oak spic		
<b>Beyerskloof Pinotage 2010</b>	R 160	R 40
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Medium to full-bodied with black and red berry flavours that are well integrated with the oak flavor.		
<b>Aaldering Pinotage 2007</b>	R 395	
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Deeply expressive flavors of blackcurrant, ripe cherry, licorice, and a touch of vanilla. The pleasant, smoky palate gives way to soft tannins in this exceptional fine Pinotage with good aging potential.		

## Shiraz

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Waterford Kevin Arnold Shiraz 2007</b>	R 390	R 97.50
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Beautiful lively colour. Clean ripe fruit aromas with hints of white pepper and underlying wafts of mocha. Ripe flavours of berry fruit together with textured tannin levels to finish classically dry with length on the finish		
<b>Glen Carlou Syrah 2006</b>	R 325	
<b>Region:</b> Paarl		
<b>The Wine:</b> To produce this dense and powerful wine, half the crop was dropped during the growing season. Aromas of spicy blackberry and toasty oak lead to complex flavours of ripe berry fruit, violet and currant on the smooth palate.		
<b>Avondale Camissa Syrah 2005</b>	R 280	
<b>Region:</b> Paarl		
<b>The Wine:</b> A fine example of a New Wave Cape Shiraz, this beefy, strapping wine shows off herb, lavender and smoked meat flavours, with spicy pepper notes on the dry finish.		
<b>Graham Beck Shiraz 2006</b>	R 220	R 55
<b>Region:</b> Coastal Region		
<b>The Wine:</b> Always a Cape benchmark, made from the fruit of dry land vines and seasoned with a dash of American oak. The wine is medium bodied, flavoursome and elegant.		
<b>Andreas Shiraz 2008</b>	R 270	R 67.50
<b>Region:</b> Wellington		
<b>The Wine:</b> This hand crafted Boutique wine is matured for 17 months in French and American Oak Barrels. The nose expresses an array of Red Berries dominated by Cherry with an underlying hint of white chocolate and spice. The nose carries through to the palate showing a well structured, full bodied wine with lingering ripe tannins and a lengthy finish. The wine is showing good fruit and oak integration.		
<b>Bizoe Shiraz 2009</b>	R 380	R 95
<b>Region:</b> Western Cape		
<b>The Wine:</b> The nose is exploding with aromas of sweet cherry embraced with warm cinnamon and cloves. The palate is big with an excellent balance of fruit, acid and oak spice. The wine has soft tannins with a smooth finish.		

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<b>Tamboerskloof Shiraz 2006</b>	R 260	R 65
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Dark ruby colour with an inviting, complex nose with red berries, plums and supportive fynbos, white pepper and spicy flavours. Well balanced palate that confirms the nose with firm tannin and a lingering peppery aftertaste.		
<b>Eagles Nest Shiraz 2008</b>	R 665	
<b>Region:</b> Constantia		
<b>The Wine:</b> The nose gives way to prominent white pepper notes complimented by red berry fruits and twist of violets. These flavours are met on the palate by scents of leather and a touch of spice from the use of oak, all well integrated and upheld by firm tannins. The wine has a soft and creamy finish.		
<b>Vins D'Orrance Syrah 2008</b>	R 380	
<b>Region:</b> Western Cape		
<b>The Wine:</b> savoury, complex and full of elegance at the same time. Both in the palate and the nose the wine shows an infusion of blackcurrant, mocha and white pepper spice with a soft finish.		

## **Cabernet Franc**

<b>High Constantia Cabernet Franc 2004</b>	R 380	R 95
<b>Region:</b> Constantia		
<b>The Wine:</b> Characteristic spicy nose, earthy, herbaceous with a slight hint of violets. The nose is dominated by earthy aromas complimented by soft black fruits. All these follow through onto a well rounded palate. Well integrated tannins.		
<b>Rainbow's End Cabernet Franc 2009</b>	R 320	R 80
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Intense deep red, colour. Lovely earthy and tea leaf flavours with black Forest cake and black cherry. The wine has typical vegetative and herbaceous aromas with mineralic and slight floral aftertone (violets and fynbos). It has an intense rich fruit and juicy palate, with layers of dark chocolate and a hint of coffee. All in harmony with soft, fine tannins.		

**Bottle      Glass 180ml**

**Raats Cabernet Franc 2008**

R 675

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** The wine combines flavours of luscious blackberry, black cherry and plum with expressive notes of cinnamon, coffee, tobacco and spice. The palate is caressed by well polished tannins complimented with dark chocolate. Long smooth finish.

**Warwick Cabernet Franc 2008**

R 550

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** The nose shows chocolate flavors which are rounded off with sandal wood aroma. The balanced acid creates a firm finish that is complemented by luscious and lingering sweetness. Although accessible now this wine will improve with up to 10 years.

**Signal Hill Cabernet Franc 2006**

R 285

**Region:** Elgin

**The Wine:** The first impression on the nose is ripe dark fruit on the nose. This is complemented by subtle herbaceous characters along oaky spice on the full palate.

## **Blended Red Wines**

**Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2006**

R 750

R 187.50

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** A traditional blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot, it is matured in new 225 litre French Nevers barrels for 22-26 months. It is often described as the perfect blend. Full but not aggressive, smooth but not light.

**Meerlust Rubicon 2006**

R 650

R 162.50

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** Ultra dark, intense, opaque & concentrated. The wine is very youthful with cerise rim. The wine has exuberant cassis fruit on the nose, black cherry, blackcurrant & nettle-bush followed by cigar box. Full bodied with a concentrated fruit core wrapped by lush, sleek tannins and an earthy minerality.

**Buitenverwachting Christine 2007**

R 495

**Region:** Constantia

**The Wine:** This special cuvee offers rich, ripe berry flavours with beautiful nutty and wood vanilla characters. A perfect harmony between strength and finesse.

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<p><b>Glen Carlou Grand Classique 2007</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Paarl</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> A classic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Intriguing aromas of clove, sandalwood and fresh blackcurrant are followed by a velvety smooth palate brimming with ripe berry fruit and well supported by supple tannins and gentle oak.</p>	R 290	R 72.50
<p><b>Rustenberg Stellenbosch John X Merriman 2008</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> Typical Rustenberg aromas of cellar spices, dark cherries &amp; fynbos. The palate is richly layered with fruit tannin and well-balanced. Big but yet very elegant</p>	R 390	R 97.50
<p><b>Rupert &amp; Rothschild Classique 2009</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Simondium</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> An easy-drinking, approachable Bordeaux-styled blend of Cabernet and Merlot. The wine has a soft and generous structure, dry finish.</p>	R 270	R 67.50
<p><b>La Motte Millennium 2007</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Franschhoek</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> A classic Bordeaux style blend. Cabernet Sauvignon, and Franc with Merlot, aged in fine French oak. Restrained and Elegant with plenty fruit and firm tannins.</p>	R 260	R 65
<p><b>Vergelegen Cabernet/Merlot 2008</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> Wonderfully ripe and accessible, Medium-bodied blend of Cabernet and Merlot, bursting with soft plum and cassis flavours.</p>	R 190	R 47.50
<p><b>Graham Beck "The Joshua" 2005</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Coastal</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> This unique blend of Shiraz and Viognier reveals spiciness, hints of violets and liquorice flavours. This is an elegant wine for most occasions.</p>	R 550	R 137.50

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 180ml</b>
<p><b>Post House Penny Black 2008</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> A sleek and supple red blend led by Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet and Petit Verdot lush with Merlot's black fruits, a nose of blackcurrant, chocolate, peppery raspberry and spice with a hint of floral petals. This is an elegant wine with firm but supple tannins and rounded ripe fruit giving a long and lingering finish.</p>	R 290	R 72.50
<p><b>Bouchard Finlayson Hanibal 2008</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Walkerbay</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> This is a complex blend of French and Italian grape varieties. The wine showcases aromas of cherries and red summer fruits deriving from the Pinot Noir component. The Sangiovese component adds structure to the palate and also broadens the flavour profile. This wine is something worth exploring.</p>	R 600	R 150
<p><b>Tokara Directors Reserve 2006</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. The wine has a complex array of aromas like cassis, dark chocolate and spice are evident on the nose. These flavours follow through a pallet that is full yet elegantly soft. Long smooth finish.</p>	R 625	
<p><b>Warwick Three Cape Ladies 2007</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> This wine shows an explosion of fruit on the nose which is largely attributable to the Pinotage component. The Pinotage is soft and sweet while the Merlot offers a subtle spiciness. The Cabernet Sauvignon is the backbone of the blend. This wine is full on the palate with sweetness on the finish. This blend brings the best of Pinotage to the classic French varieties.</p>	R 260	R 65
<p><b>Rust &amp; Vrede Estate 2007</b></p> <p><b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch</p> <p><b>The Wine:</b> Savoury oak aromas combined with mocha coffee and pencil shavings. Hints of dark fruit, plum and cassis also come to the fore. This wine shows great structure and balance. Initial Cabernet Sauvignon characteristics are followed up with a spicy finish from the Shiraz.</p>	R 745	R 187.50

**Bottle      Glass 180ml**

**Warwick Trilogy 2008**

R 755

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** The wine displays an intense brick red dark colour. On the nose the wine expresses intense Cedar, herbaceous spiciness and lots of wild berries and black olive aromas. On the pallet the full rounded feel of the well ripened tannins slowly gives way to roasted almonds, vanilla and coffee flavours, and another hint of wild berries on the aftertaste.

**Pike, The Dogwalk, Cabernet / Merlot 2009**

R 420

**Region:** Claire Valley, Australia

**The Wine:** Aromas of black currants and plums are welcomed on the nose. The palate is soft and smooth with well integrated tannins. The flavours of the nose are mirrored on the palate with a creamy mouth feel.

**Cantina Novelli, Montefalco Rosso, D.O.C.G. 2007**

R 410

**Region:** Umbria, Italy

**The Wine:** The nose is intense, with aromas of fresh herbs. The palate is well rounded with a refreshing, almost tangy aftertaste. The finish is long with a citrus character changing too almonds.

**Le Signal Cotes de Roussillon Villages 2005**

R 400

**Region:** Rousillon, France

**The Wine:** Loads of plum, black currants and violets on the nose. The palate has an intense sensation and a persistence of boundless finesse, despite the bold fruit flavours.

## **Other Cultivars (Red)**

**Giacomo Fenocchio Barolo 2004**

R 995

**Region:** Piedmont

**The Wine:** The wine is fresh and lively with a good balance of fruit. The palate is full yet elegantly soft.

**Rocca Guiccardi Chianti Classico Reserve 1999**

R 595

**Region:** Tuscany (Italy)

**The Wine:** The nose shows subtle red fruit flavours. The pallet is soft and reserved with a balanced structure. At its best now.

**Bottle      Glass 180ml**

**Castello Di Brolio Chianti Classico 1999**

R 510

**Region:** Tuscany (Italy)

**The Wine:** Delightful fully evolved wine lovely dark cherry flavours on the nose. These are met on the pallet together with soft tannins.

**Pico Maccario, Lavignone,DOCG, Barbera D'Asti 2007** R 325

**Region:** Piedmont, Italy

**The Wine:** The wine shows whiffs of dark berry fruits together with a smoky element on the nose. The palate is complex and structured with a harmonious prolonged finish. Soft tannins.

# Dessert Wines

	Bottle	Glass 50ml
<b>Nederburg Noble Late Harvest 2006</b>	R 150	R 15
<b>Region:</b> Paarl		
<b>The Wine:</b> Bright yellow with golden specs, combined with aromas of dried peaches and honey supported by a spicy background.		
<b>Kanu Kia Ora 2005</b>		R 22
<b>Region:</b> Stellenbosch		
<b>The Wine:</b> Deep yellow-gold colour. A bouquet of apricots & almonds. The sunshine flavours unfold delightfully on palate with a full, rich mouth feel.		
<b>Ken Forrester T 2008</b>	R 500	R 50
<b>Region:</b> Paarl		
<b>The Wine:</b> Golden coloured wine with fresh, green tones that are clean yet unctuously sweet. Sumptuous apricot and peach flavours, overlaid with a tropical lushness of pineapple and melon. Ripe sweetness, yet tangy, with sweet and sour zip, wood spice on the finish.		
<b>Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2005</b>	R800	R80
<b>Region:</b> Constantia		
<b>The Wine:</b> Appearance of burnished copper. The nose is heady mix of floral Muscat and freshcitric notes with signs of honeyed maturation. The palate is well balanced with wonderful flavours of dried mangos and honey, with a long fresh finish.		
<b>Signal Hill Vin de Empereur 2005</b>	R225	R15
<b>Region:</b> Bokaap		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine is smooth yet fresh. Warm baked apple flavours followed by cinnamon spice is displayed on the palate.		

	<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Glass 50ml</b>
<b>Signal Hill Aszu 6 Puttonyos 2002</b>	R475	R47.50
<b>Region:</b> Bokaap		
<b>The Wine:</b> A sweet wine made from grapes affected by botrytis, resulted in a complex wine with aromas of dried apricot and pineapples. The palate is full with fresh acidity masked by the sweetness.		
<b>Graham Beck Rhona Muscadel 2004</b>		R15
<b>Region:</b> Robertson		
<b>The Wine:</b> Bold sweet dessert liqueur wine, honeyed Muscat nose, menthol spears fresh palate.		
<b>Lamershoek Straw Wine 2009</b>	R450	R45
<b>Region:</b> Robertson		
<b>The Wine:</b> The wine showcase loads of tropical fruit flavours like pineapples and dried apricots. The palate is lively with bright acidity.		
<b>Signal Hill L'Empereur Rouge</b>	R 155	R 20
<b>Region:</b> Bokaap		
<b>The Wine:</b> Deliciously sweet. The wine is made from Cabernet Sauvignon. Inviting aromas of warm raisons, lovingly wrapped in soft oak flavours.		

# South African Ports

50ml Glass

**De Krans Cape Ruby port**

R 31

**Region:** Calitzdorp

**The Wine:** Blend of Tinta Barocca , Touriga & Souzão, dried herbs/tealeaf scents mingling with generous fruitcake / marzipan aromas.

**Allesverloren Vintage Port 2004**

R 28

**Region:** Swartland

**The Wine:** Among the finest of the Old-Cape Style. Shows it's age in a gently tawny glow, ripe berries and briar, some nutty secondary notes in the bouquet, youthful flavours, mocca and vanilla in conclusion.

**Axehill Cape Vintage Port 2004**

R 30

**Region:** Calitzdorp

**The Wine:** A fragrant off-dry fortified wine showing aromatic herb notes and a sweetish, creamy finish. Ideal as a chilled aperitif. Try with tonic and a slice of lemon, or with creamy cheeses.

**Bredells LBV Port 2003**

R 32

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**The Wine:** A dense, rich, youthful late-bottled vintage, with plum and chocolate flavours, made in the modern Cape style.

# The History of Wine in South Africa

South African wine has a history dating back to 1659, and at one time wines from [Constantia](#) were considered one of the greatest [wines](#) in the world. Access to international markets has unleashed a burst of new energy and new investment.

Production is concentrated around [Cape Town](#), with major vineyard and production centres at [Paarl](#), [Stellenbosch](#) and [Worcester](#).

There are about 60 [appellations](#) within the [Wine of Origin](#) (WO) system, which was implemented in 1973 with a hierarchy of designated production regions, districts and wards.

WO wines must be made 100% from grapes from the designated area. "Single vineyard" wines must come from a defined area of less than 5 hectares. An "Estate Wine" can come from adjacent farms, as long as they are farmed together and wine is produced on site. A ward is an area with a distinctive soil type and/or climate, and is roughly equivalent to a European appellation.

On 2 February 1659 the founder of Cape Town, [Jan van Riebeeck](#), produced the first wine recorded in South Africa. In 1685, the [Constantia](#) estate was established in a valley facing [False Bay](#) by the Governor of the Cape, [Simon van der Stel](#). His *Vin de Constance* soon acquired a good reputation.

And like the saying goes "The Rest Is History"

# A historical chronology of events and influences on SA Wine

- 1652 The Dutch East India Company (Jan Van Riebeeck and his party) establish the first European settlement at the Cape Of Good Hope.
- 1659 February 2, Van Riebeeck records the making of the first wine at the Cape.
- 1662 Van Riebeeck leaves the Cape for the East Indies.
- 1679 Appointment of Simon van der Stel as Commander of the Settlement. Later in the same year, his foundation of the town of Stellenbosch.
- 1688 Arrival of the first Huguenot immigrants.
- 1699 Simon van der Stel retires to his estate at Constantia. His son, Willem Adriaan van der Stel takes his place as Governor. The first modest exports of wine from the Cape take place.
- 1761/2 The first notable exports of red and white Constantia wine takes place.
- 1778 Groot Constantia is acquired by the Cloete family. The following decades see the sweet Constantia wine winning acclaim throughout Europe.
- 1825 The British Government imposes heavy tariffs on the importation of French wines and sales of Cape wine in Britain increase rapidly.
- 1861 Palmerston Government reduces tariffs on French wine imports which had protected the Cape wine market.
- 1885 The appearance of phylloxera in the Cape vineyards.
- 1909 Over-production causes a slump in wine prices to an all-time low.
- 1918 Serious over-production leads to great quantities of unsalable wine being poured down the drain. The KWV is formed.
- 1924 KWV is empowered to fix the minimum price for distilling wine.
- 1925 Professor Perold crosses various vines which eventually give rise to the first specimens of the Pinotage cultivar.
- 1935 Formation of the Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery (SFW)
- 1940 KWV empowered to fix the minimum price for good wine.
- 1945 Formation of the Distillers Corporation. The years following the Second World War see the further development of cold fermentation which gives impetus to the production of quality white wines.
- 1961 First bottled pinotage appears. First Lieberstein marketed.
- 1971 Stellenbosch Wine Route opened.
- 1973 South African Wine of Origin (bus tickets) legislation is implemented.
- 1975 First auction of rare Cape wines at Nederburg.
- 1979 Formation of Cape Wine and Distillers.

There are 15 very well organised Wine Route Associations, and information about accommodation, eateries and visits to cellars and farms is readily available through booklets, travel agents and the Internet.

**Constantia** is the historic hub of Cape wine. Closest to Cape Town, it boasts some of the most famous estate names such as Groot and Klein Constantia, and Buitenverwachting. On premium terroir and in ideal climatic conditions, superb Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon wines are produced.

**Durbanville** and its hills northeast of Cape Town have a winemaking history dating back 280 years. Some star performers are emerging, including brilliant Sauvignon Blancs with strong contemporary focus on Shiraz and Merlot. Durbanville Hills is a large, modern facility and Nitida a small boutique set-up.

**Franschhoek** lies in a contained valley, a pretty town founded by the French Huguenots in 1688. Today it is very much a boutique region with old buildings, restaurants and small producers. Stylish cellars include La Motte, Cabrière, Plaisir de Merle and Boekenhoutskloof.

**Klein Karoo** is a semi-desert region inland that has inspired some winemakers to take up the challenge. Fortified wines such as muscadels and Portuguese “port” styles do well in places such as Calitzdorp.

**Olifants River** is a fast-growing region stretching a few hundred kilometres up the west coast from the Cape. Plenty of exported easy-drinking wines come from here. The Vredendal Winery is one of the largest in the world, employing some of the most modern techniques.

**Orange River** is one of Africa’s great rivers and along its Northern Cape bank lie large white-wine producing vineyards. Winemaking is sophisticated and reds are getting more attention with an eye to exports.

**Swartland** means “black country”, a traditional sunny wheat area north of Cape Town. These days, wineries are making modern, well-appreciated white wines here with top reds on the way. The Darling region especially is on the roll.

**Walker Bay** near the coastal town of Hermanus has become another of the Cape’s most fashionable regions. With Elgin to the west and Bot River inland, it falls under the Overberg appellation. It is the home of Cape pinot noir and good chardonnay and home to places like Hamilton-Russell.

**Worcester** and surrounds comprise 20% of all South Africa's vineyards. Brandy is produced and wine for wholesalers. Small volumes are bottled under own labels. Value-for-money is a hallmark

**Robertson** and a few other villages lie along a fertile, warm, valley where white wines such as chardonnay from De Wetshof Estate and sparkling wine from Graham Beck Winery used to be the main stars.

**Paarl** is another of the Cape's historic towns where wine has been made for centuries. Home to the original KWV head office and its impressive Cathedral Cellar, as well as the country's best-known brand Nederburg, many cellars, small and large, from boutique to co-operative, produce wine from the ordinary to the sensational. Winemakers have been concentrating on Shiraz, but some fine Chenin Blanc, Pinotage, Cabernet Sauvignon, blends, and even unusual varieties such as Viognier and Mourvèdre are turned into prize-winning wines. Glen Carlou, Villiera and the value-for-money co-operative Boland Kelders are among the top performers here.

# Food and Wine Pairing

Food and wine pairing is a highly subjective and inexact process. The old rules, primarily red wine with red meat and white wine with fish and poultry, don't take into consideration the complexity of today's multi-ethnic and subtly flavoured foods and the corresponding wide range of wines from around the world.

These days you're more likely to hear food and wine pairing suggestions than hard and fast rules. There's considerable room for experimentation and expression of your own personality in pairing food and wine.

Wine tastings are a great way to try different wines and learn which you favor. Then begin with the foods and wines you like. Choose a good wine and pair it with a meal you enjoy and you probably won't go wrong.

Next consider some rules-of-thumb remembering that rules were made to be broken. Going contrary to a rule-of-thumb to achieve a particular effect, or even just because you have found the results pleasing, can sometimes be the mark of a true artist.

When pairing food and wine, the goal is synergy and balance. The wine shouldn't overpower the food, nor should the food overpower the wine. Think of wine as if it were a condiment, it should complement the food.

Wine drunk by itself tastes different than wine with food, because wine acts on food similar to the way a spice does.

Acids, tannins and sugars in the wine interact with the food to provide different taste sensations.

Wine can enhance the flavor of food. A good match will bring out the nuances and enhance the flavors and unique characteristics of both the food and the wine.

Memorable food and wine pairing is achieved when you find similarities or contrasts of flavour, body "texture", intensity and taste.

Above all don't stress over the perfect food and wine pairing. The best pairing is good food, good wine and good company.

## What Can Happen?

Here are a few of the things that can occur when wine and food are consumed together:

**Amplified or Diminished Traits** – sometimes the acidity, sweetness, or tannin in wine can be amplified or diminished by certain foods.

**Overpowering** – a strong wine will overpower a delicate dish (and vice versa) creating an unpleasant balance.

**Transferring Flavours** – the wine can seem to transfer some of its flavours into the meal and the other way round.

**New Flavours** – sometimes flavours that are not present in either the wine or the food are perceived when consumed together.

## Some Suggested Wine and Food Pairings

**Don't Forget the Sauce** – Sometimes a strong tasting sauce or seasoning is more important than the meat itself.

White Wines	Recommended Foods, Sauces, etc.	Avoid
Chardonnay	Salmon, Grilled Chicken, White Creamy Sauces, Veal	Very Spicy Foods
Gewurztraminer	Chinese, Swiss Cheese, Pork, Ginger, Foie Gras	Light Foods
Chenin Blanc	Creamy Sauces, Turkey, Shrimp, Veal	Tomatoes, Spicy Foods
Riesling (Dry)	Chicken, Shrimp, Lobster, Smoked Trout	Sweets
Sauvignon Blanc	Trout, Goat Cheese, Shellfish, Sea Bass	Sweets
Red Wines	Recommended Foods, Sauces, etc.	Avoid
Pinotage	Pizza, Lasagna, Venison	Fish, Spicy Foods
Cabernet Sauvignon	Steak, Lamb, Roasts, Dark Chocolate, Duck	Tomatoes, Fish
Merlot	Grilled Meats, Barbeques, Chicken	Sweets
Pinot Noir	Duck, Salmon, Tuna, Beef Stroganoff, Lamb	Very Spicy Foods
Syrah or Shiraz	Peppered Red Meats, Sausage, Stews, Barbeques	Fish

# Glossary Of White Grape Varieties

**Bukettraube** - Developed in Germany, produces quality wines with a distinctive Muscat bouquet. South Africa is one of the few wine-producing countries worldwide to bottle Bukettraube as a single varietal wine.

**Cape Riesling (Crouchen Blanc)** - The variety was wrongly regarded for many years as Weisser Riesling (Rhine Riesling) but was later identified as the Crouchen Blanc of France. A shy bearer which can produce quality white wines with a delicate yet fruity bouquet and sharp grassy aroma if growth and ripening conditions are ideal.

**Chardonnay** - A native of Burgundy, this variety is widely planted throughout the New World. Locally, much experimentation has been taking place with barrel fermentation and oak ageing of Chardonnay, and excellent wines in a number of styles are being produced. It is also used in some of the base wines from which Cap Classique sparkling wines are made as well as in white blends, an increasingly successful category.

**Chenin Blanc (Steen)** - The most widely cultivated variety in the Cape, growers are raising the standard to new levels. Characterised by its versatility, Chenin Blanc produces good natural wines covering the whole spectrum from sweet to dry, as well as sherry and sparkling wine. Its fruitiness finds flavour with a wide range of palates. It is also used for distilling brandy and spirits.

**Colombar(d)** - Planted especially in the Breede River region, this variety produces a quality wine in the warmer areas. Good acid content ensures fresh, interesting wines with a pleasant fruity flavour.

**Gewürztraminer** - A delicate aromatic flavour profile with an easily identifiable rose-petal fragrance; usually produces a light, off-dry wine.

**Palomino (White French Grape)** - A heavy bearer, low in sugar and acid. Used mainly for making sherry and brandy. It produces a neutral wine, best enjoyed young.

**Muscat d'Alexandrie (Hanepoot)** - One of the world's most widely planted and versatile varieties, locally it was probably developed from 'Spaanse Dryven' (Spanish Grape) cuttings introduced to South Africa by Jan van Riebeeck in the 1650s. Nowhere else does it form such a high percentage of a country's total grape harvest as in South Africa, where it is used especially for dessert wine, as well as natural wine and raisins. Hanepoot delivers a strong, flowery bouquet and intense honey flavour.

**Muscadel** - Used chiefly in dessert wines, it gives an intense, raisin-like bouquet and was historically associated with the famous Constantia dessert wines. Red and white grapes grow mainly in the Breede River region. It belongs to the Muscat family.

**Pinot Gris** - Planted on a very small scale in South Africa. Produces wines which are full and well balanced.

**Sauvignon Blanc** - In combination with Semillon and Muscadel these grapes produce some of the most exceptional white wines of Bordeaux, including the sweetest Sauternes and driest Graves. These wines have a distinctive green peppery or grassy character, and are often aged in wood (sometimes labelled Blanc Fumé). Extensively planted in the 18th century, Sauvignon Blanc has now regained popularity and considerably increased its share of plantings.

**Semillon (Green Grape)** - Produces a full yet subtle wine with little acid; often used in blends. Locally, some outstanding wooded varietal wines have been produced from this grape variety which once represented 93% of all Cape vines and now accounts for only about 1%.

**Viognier** - Becoming increasingly fashionable internationally, this variety has been grown for centuries in the northern half of the Rhône valley in France. An early ripener, it produces delicate complex wines with peach, apricot, honey and spice aromas under the right conditions. It is also sometimes blended with Shiraz (to a maximum of 20%).

**Weisser Riesling (Rhine Riesling)** - Has adapted well to South Africa's soil and climate. Produces very full, flavourful wines with excellent fruit acids that develop well with bottle ageing. Wines have a honeyed spicy nose and a flowery sweetness.

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## Red Grape Varieties

**Cabernet Franc** - Related to Cabernet Sauvignon, this variety is usually softer, has a lower sugar content and contains less alcohol. Used as a component in classic, Bordeaux-style blends but also for varietal wines. Small but increasing vineyard area. Unless specified, 'Cabernet' refers to the Sauvignon and not the Franc variety.

**Cabernet Sauvignon** - An increasingly significant variety at the Cape, it's the foremost variety of the Bordeaux region of France. Cabernet Sauvignon produces top-class wines that develop well with age into spicy, full, complex wines. As in Bordeaux, it may be blended with Merlot or its relative, Cabernet Franc.

**Cinsaut** - Previously known as Hermitage. A strong bearer and very versatile variety - it can be used to blend with Cabernet, to produce reasonably priced early drinking wines, or as quality wine for brandy distilling. It is also often used for rosé, port and jerepigo wines. Once South Africa's most widely planted red varietal, vineyard area has decreased as it has been replaced by more noble varieties.

**Grenache (Noir)** - One of Spain's most important varieties where it's known as Garnacha, this hardy grape is resistant to drought, wind and sun. Typically used for blending with Shiraz, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Malbec** - Once a significant component of Bordeaux's blend but no longer found in the region's best vineyards, this spicy variety is now mainly grown in Cahors in western France where it's known as 'Cot'. Argentina's signature variety, it's also grown in Chile. Very small plantings in SA, varietal and blended bottlings.

**Zinfandel** - This leading Californian grape variety (the same as Italy's Primitivo) is planted on a limited scale in South Africa.

**Merlot** - An early ripening variety, traditionally used as a blending partner to add softness and breadth to Cabernet Sauvignon but now increasingly being bottled as a varietal wine, with some superb results locally. Planted in increasing quantities, particularly in the Stellenbosch and Paarl regions.

**Muscadel** - This variety produces a very popular sweet red wine, particularly in the Little Karoo. Miniscule plantings in South Africa.

**Petit Verdot** - This superb variety is used in small percentages in Bordeaux-style blends and can also be made into cultivar wines. Limited plantings locally.

**Pinot Noir** - The king of Burgundy but notoriously difficult to grow elsewhere. Although not yet widely planted, this variety is now producing excellent wines in the cooler viticultural areas of South Africa. Wines tend to be lighter in colour with distinct vegetal flavours and aromas. A large proportion is used in Cap Classique sparkling wines.

**Pinotage** - A local cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsaut (Hermitage), created by Professor Abraham Perold in 1925, this variety combines the noble characteristics of the former with the reliability of the latter. Unique to South Africa, it can produce complex and fruity wines with age but is also often very drinkable when young. With great strides made in the making of Pinotage, South Africa's own variety is rapidly gaining increasing acceptance and finding favour worldwide both as a varietal bottling and in blends. The 'Cape blend' is an evolving term which generally denotes a red blend with Pinotage as a component making up 30 to 70 percent of the wine.

**Ruby Cabernet** - A Californian cross between Carignan and Cabernet Sauvignon, this prolific producer is suited to warmer areas.

**Shiraz** - A noble variety of French origin. Better known as Syrah elsewhere, the largest production of Shiraz is now found in Australia but local plantings have increased strongly. Made in several different styles here, it yields deep purple smoky and spicy wines which develop a complex character with age.

**Tinta Barocca** - Considered one of the best varieties for the production of port in South Africa. It produces earthy, organic red wines and is excellent for blending.

**Touriga Nacional** - Regarded as the best variety for port, it's one of the oldest cultivars in the Douro area of Portugal. Produces wine with a very dark colour and a strong ripe berry character with around 13% alcohol.

# Glossary Of Wine Tasting Terms

**Acidic** - Describe wines whose total acid is so high that they taste tart or sour and a sharp edge or harsh feeling on the palate.

**Aggressive** - Slightly harsh in taste or texture, usually due to a high level of tannin or acid.

**Appearance** - Refers to a wine's clarity, not colour.

**Astringent** - Describes a rough, harsh, puckery feel in the mouth, usually from tannin or high acidity that red wines (and a few whites) have. When the harshness stands out, the wine is astringent.

**Backbone** - Used to denote those wines that are full-bodied, well-structured and balanced by a desirable level of acidity.

**Balance** - A wine has balance when it's elements are harmonious and no single element dominates. Alcohol and tannins may also be elements of structure or backbone.

**Blunt** - Strong in flavour and often alcoholic (see "Alcoholic"), but lacking in aromatic interest and development on the palate.

**Body** - The overall texture or weight of wine in the mouth usually the result of a combination of glycerin, alcohol and sugar. Commonly expressed as full-bodied, medium-bodied or medium-weight, or light-bodied.

**Bouquet** - This is a technical term that describes the smell that a wine develops after it has been bottled and aged.

**Buttery** - Indicates the smell of melted butter or toasty oak. Also a reference to texture, as in "a rich, buttery Chardonnay."

**Chewy** - Describes rich, heavy, tannic wines that are full-bodied.

**Clean** - Fresh on the palate and free of any off-taste. Does not necessarily imply good quality.

**Complexity** - An element in all great wines and many very good ones; a combination of richness, depth, flavour intensity, focus, balance, harmony and finesse.

**Corked** - Always a flaw, this describes a wine having the off-putting, musty, moldy-newspaper flavour and aroma and dry aftertaste caused by a tainted cork.

**Elegant** - Used to describe wines of grace, balance and beauty, not intense.

**Fat** - Full-bodied, high-alcohol wines low in acidity give a "fat" impression on the palate.

**Flat** - Having low acidity; the next stage after flabby. This can also refer to a sparkling wine that has lost its bubbles.

**Full** - A description of wines that give the impression of being large or heavy in your mouth.

**Legs** - The viscous droplets that form and ease down the sides of the glass when the wine is swirled.

**Malic** - Describes the green apple-like flavor found in young grapes which diminishes as they ripen and mature.

**Nutty** - Used to describe oxidized wines. Wine that is over the hill. Often a flaw, but when it's close to an oaky flavour it can be a plus.

**Oxidized** - Describes wine that has been exposed too long to air and taken on a brownish colour, losing its freshness and perhaps beginning to smell and taste like Sherry or old apples.

**Robust** - "Big", meaning full-bodied, intense and vigorous.

# Corkage

Bringing wine to a restaurant is a common practice among wine lovers. However, there are some unwritten rules to consider should you decide to do this.

The wine should be special, something that is unlikely to be on that restaurant's wine list. It might be a wine from a boutique winery or wine that is available only at the winery. Or, the wine might be one that has been ageing in your wine cellar.

It is always a good idea to call ahead and ask the restaurant about their corkage fee. Fees will vary. Expect to pay a higher corkage fee for a magnum of wine.

When your wine is opened, a common courtesy is to offer the Sommelier a taste of the wine.

## Table Bay Corkage Fee

**Wine & Sparkling wine**  
**Champagnes**

R 85

R 250